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SUBJ: PLO PERMANENT OBSERVER STATUS AT UNESCO

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1. FRG MISSION TELLS US IT DID NOT REPORT TO BONN ERRONEOUS
INFORMATION THAT WALDHEIM HAD "UNILATERALLY DECLARED THE PLO
TO HAVE PERM REP STATUS AT THE UN." FRG MISSION'S UNDER-
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STANDING OF PLO'S UN STATUS (WHICH THEY WILL COMMUNICATE TO

BONN) IS SAME AS OURS, TO WIT:

A) WALDHEIM HAS MADE NO DECLARATION ABOUT PLO STATUS AT THE UN.

B) POINT OF ISSUE RE PLO STATUS AT UNESCO CONCERNS "PERMANENT OBSERVER", NOT "PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE" STATUS.

C) GA RESOLUTION 3237, WHICH INVITED PLO "TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SESSIONS AND WORK OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE CAPACITY OF OBSERVER," AS WELL AS IN CONFERENCES CONVENED BY GA, IN NO WAY OBLIGES UNESCO TO GRANT PLO PERMANENT OBSERVER STATUS. ON CONTRARY, ISSUE OF PERMANENT STATUS ARISES ONLY AT UN HEADQUARTERS WHERE "SESSION AND WORK OF GA" ARE VIRTUALLY CONTINUOUS, AND WHERE IT CAN ACCORDINGLY BE ARGUED THAT PERMANENT OBSERVER STATUS WAS GA'S CLEAR INTENT. (FRG VOTED AGAINST GA RESOLUTION 3237, TOGETHER WITH USG AND OTHER MEMBERS OF NINE EXCEPT FRANCE, WHICH ABSTAINED.)

2. FYI: SECRETARIAT'S CURRENT PLAN, AS YET UNANNOUNCED THOUGH LEAKED TO PRESS, IS TO LIST PLO IN BLUE BOOK UNDER CATEGORY OF ITS OWN. THIS WILL BE DONE IN SUCH A WAY AS NOT TO EQUATE PLO WITH STATES OR INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (E.G. OAU) WHICH MAINTAIN OBSERVER MISSIONS AT UN HEADQUARTERS. LISTING, WHEN IT OCCURS, SHOULD HAVE NO BEARING ON UNESCO QUESTION SINCE APPLICABILITY IS TO UN HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK, NOT TO SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. END FYI.

3. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO COMMENT FURTHER.
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